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it. We are forcing this issue a lot faster than needs to be forced. We have a lot of rural issues, a lot of rural senators that are concerned about this,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR McDONALD: ...because we don't understand the process. And I think those that are supporting this bill also don't understand the process. But why should they understand the process? They possibly don't have a Class I school that they're being affected by. They don't care. They don't understand, and many times won't even listen on the floor. They're gone. They don't pay any attention. I noticed Deb Fischer had her map out. Very, very few senators were even looking at that map to see how it affected her district. That concerns me. Senators have made up their mind, they've decided how they're going to vote on this, but yet won't listen to the concerns and the facts and figures that many of the rural senators have addressed. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator McDonald. On with discussion of AM0086 to LB 126. Senator Fischer, followed by Senator Baker. Senator Fischer, are you available? You're recognized to speak.

SENATOR FISCHER: Mr. President, members of the body, again I would like to address some issues with the Class VI-Class I K-12 system that is legally allowed in this state. We have 18 Class VI's in Nebraska. In fact, when a former Speaker, Senator Ron Withem, was in this Chamber, he introduced, and a bill was passed, that would allow for new Class VI's to be formed in the state. So these are not the horrible, inefficient K-12 systems that we've been hearing about on the floor. Again, when you look at the maps--and if you need visual aids while I talk, please pull your map out. I'd like to discuss student density, average district area, things like that here, where we have the road density, too. When you look at Cherry County, which is the county I'm most familiar with, that's my home county, within the 43rd District, in our public school systems we have 1,039 students. We have 23 school districts. And that land mass in Cherry County is almost 6,000 square miles. It's 5,950 square